

## **UC Navigator Grant Awardees**

Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) awards more than \$2.5 million to 7 community-based organizations. Over the next 2.5 years, each organization will use this grant funding to help Pennsylvania workers learn about, apply for and – if eligible- receive unemployment compensation (UC) benefits. These organizations will support L&I's efforts to deliver UC benefits to all workers, especially individuals in groups that are historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. Additionally, L&I will collaborate with these organizations to identify barriers to UC benefits faced by the various populations that these CBOs serve with the intent to improve services and remove barriers.

APPLICANT	AWARD
Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation	\$100,000.00
Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc	\$382,746.00
Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center, Inc.	\$419,150.00
Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia	\$418,084.55
ACLAMO	\$419,008.45
Mon Valley Unemployed Committee	\$396,080.00
Campaign for Working Families, Inc	\$419,161.00
TOTAL	\$2,554,230.00

**Applicant:** Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation

**Grant Title:** Expanding Equitable Employment Compensation Access for Workers.

**Amount Awarded:** \$100,000.00

Location: Philadelphia

**Project Summary:** The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) has served a low-income, limited-English proficient, Chinese immigrant community of workers, families and small businesses since 1966. PCDC will assist L&I by identifying barriers to UC, providing in-language direct service to UC applicants and increasing UC education among low-and-moderate income, limited-English proficient Chinese-speaking residents.

**Applicant:** Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc.

**Grant Title:** CSO Connects to Unemployment Compensation

**Amount Awarded:** \$382,746.00

Location: Northumberland, Snyder, Union, Lycoming, Columbia, Montour, Clinton, Centre and Mifflin

**Project Summary:** 

Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. (CSO) is a non-profit organization serving a nine-county rural region that promotes economic, educational, social, and workforce development in collaboration with

the community to provide diverse resources that promote self-sufficiency and community prosperity. CSO will conduct outreach events to help workers learn about and apply for UC benefits – particularly those with limited broadband Internet access.

**Applicant:** Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center, Inc.

Grant Title: PLA's UC Navigator Program & Statewide UC Resource Center

**Amount Awarded:** \$419,150.00

Location: Philadelphia

**Project Summary:** Philadelphia Legal Assistance's Unemployment Compensation Unit will serve as the statewide UC resource center for community-based organizations, legal aid organizations, and social service organizations that assist low-income and underserved workers and their families. Philadelphia Legal Assistance will also provide in-person assistance to low-income Philadelphia workers, with a focus on Spanish-speaking workers in North Philadelphia, through partnerships with Philadelphia CareerLink® North and other community workers.

**Applicant:** Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia **Grant Title:** Southeastern Asian Philadelphia UC Project

**Amount Awarded:** \$418,084.55

**Location:** Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery

**Project Summary:** In collaboration with VietLead, the Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia (CAGP) will focus on providing multilingual, comprehensive outreach and navigation to Cambodian and Vietnamese refugee and immigrant communities of Philadelphia and surrounding counties to increase their awareness of Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits eligibility and help them navigate through the enrollment process and maintenance of benefits.

**Applicant:** ACALMO

**Grant Title:** UC Benefits Workshop for ACLAMO

**Amount Awarded:** \$419,008.45

**Location:** Montgomery

**Project Summary:** ACLAMO is a social service organization that aims to meet the diverse needs of Latino individuals and families through a holistic, one-stop shop approach and serves approximately 20,000 individuals each year primarily in the Norristown, Pottstown, and Lansdale areas. ACLAMO will aid the Latino community in navigating the challenges that come with accessing UC benefits, enable more workers to utilize the available services and reduce employment-based disparities in the community.

**Applicant:** Mon Valley Unemployed Committee

**Grant Title:** UC Navigator Project **Amount Awarded:** \$396,080.00

Location: Allegheny, Erie, Washington, Beaver, Westmoreland, Montgomery, Crawford, Lawrence and

Center (some online statewide outreach)

**Project Summary:** The Mon Valley Unemployed Committee will reach low-income and rural communities, targeting by geography and income as well as by types of employment, using relationships with organizations working with those communities and types of unemployed people, to expand outreach to those most in need of assistance. The assistance will include education and guidance for

unemployed people seeking UC benefits.

**Applicant:** Campaign for Working Families, inc.

Grant Title: Advancing Equity with Access to Unemployment Compensation Benefit

**Amount Awarded:** \$419,161.00

Location: Philadelphia

**Project Summary:** The Campaign for Working Families, Inc. (CWF) operates community-based tax sites offering free tax services, public benefits screening and applications and financial education. CWF will use UC Navigator Grant funding to add Unemployment Compensation access to the services already provided to the community. CWF will target hard-to-reach populations and distribute outreach materials in multiple languages including Spanish, Chinese, French, Russian, Arabic, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Korean, Haitian Creole, Khmer and Hindi.